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In re Application of	:	Attn: Mail Stop Amendment
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Toshiyuki KOMATSU et al.	:	Patent Art Unit: 2841
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Serial No. 10/561,388	:	Examiner Randy W. Gibson
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Filed: December 19, 2005	:	Confirmation No. 6159
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For: ARTICLE TRANSPORT APPARATUS	:	<i>Allowed: June 4, 2008</i>
HAVING TROUGH AND	:	
RECIPROCATING MOVEMENT	:	
MECHANISM, AND COMBINATION	:	
WEIGHING APPARATUS PROVIDED	:	
THEREWITH (As Amended)	:	

REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF PRIOR ART
PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED IN INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231
Sir:

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Gibson for the June 4, 2008 Notice of Allowability and thorough examination of the present application.

The Office Communication dated June 20, 2008 indicates that the reference (JP-H04-118632 U) was not mentioned in the International Search Report. Applicants respectfully assert the International Search Report cites this reference on the second page thereof as "microfilm of the specification and drawings annexed to the request of Japanese Utility Model Application No. 29934/1991 (Laid-open No. 118632/1992)". Attached is a copy of the second page of the International Search Report. The actual publication number printed on this Japanese publication is "H04-118631" (please see the copy of the Japanese publication submitted on December 19, 2005). The International Search Report uses Christian year (1992) for indicating Japanese imperial era name system (H04). Therefore, Laid-open No. 118632/1992 in the International Search Report refers to the same publication as JP-H04-118632 U cited in the previously submitted Information Disclosure Statement. Thus, Applicants respectfully request this reference be considered by the Examiner.

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For the Examiner's convenience, Applicants herewith attach a new PTO form 1449 listing Japanese Laid-Open Utility Model Patent Application Publication No. H04-118632 U. Applicants respectfully request that a signed copy of the attached PTO-1449 form be returned to Applicants.

Respectfully submitted,

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